

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 21, 2007

TO: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Sachi A. Hamai 
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 2007-08 BUDGET HEARINGS RECORD

The following statements and/or requests were received in my office prior to 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2007. These documents will be made part of the 2007-08 Public Budget Hearings record and will be before you for consideration during Budget Deliberations:

1. Letter dated May 17, 2007 from Supervisor Gloria Molina, regarding various issues for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
2. Letter dated May 18, 2007 from Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, regarding unmet needs and priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
3. Letter dated May 18, 2007 from Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, regarding various budget priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
4. Letter dated May 15, 2007 from Supervisor Don Knabe, regarding various issues for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
5. Memorandum dated May 18, 2007 from Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, regarding various budget priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.

6. Letter dated May 15, 2007 from Janice Y. Fukai, Alternate Public Defender, regarding the Alternate Public Defender's unmet needs for Fiscal Year 2007-08, for which funding is necessary for additional staff positions to handle the increase in homicide, drug court, juvenile delinquency cases and the department's DNA program; for additional staff to work at the Central Branch and the new Alhambra Branch to handle the increase in data systems management and other critical departmental operations; and additional funds for services and supplies.
7. Letter dated May 18, 2007 from Pastor Herrera, Jr., Director of Consumer Affairs, regarding Fiscal Year 2007-08 unmet critical needs to be considered during Budget Deliberations for which the Department's highest priorities for funding are needed to support the following:
 - Assist Seniors against Financial Crimes
 - Identity Theft Unit
 - Administrative Positions
 - Real Estate Fraud and Information Program
 - Strategic Plan and Performance Counts! Consultant
 - Implementation of a Funding Mechanism to Replace Obsolete Computers
8. Letter dated May 14, 2007 from Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, regarding critical unmet needs to be considered during the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Deliberations as follows:
 - Americans with Disabilities Act Facilities Upgrades
 - Facility Upgrades
 - Customer Self-service Implementation
 - Books and Library Materials
 - Book Distribution Facility
 - Enhanced Bookmobile Program
 - Book Detection System Upgrades
 - Information Technology Upgrades
 - Youth Services Enhancements
 - Facility Refurbishments
 - Library Facilities Replacement

9. Letter dated May 14, 2007 from Gordon Stefenhagen, Chair, Library Commission, requesting the Board's continued support for the replacement of the Public Library's Integrated Library System and new and renovated library facilities.
10. Letter dated May 3, 2007 from Cynthia D. Banks, Director of Community and Senior Services, requesting the Board's support for funding during Fiscal Year 2007-08 for the Department's critical unmet needs for Seniors which include:
 - Staffing to provide technical support for various agencies who provide services such as employment, immunization and affordable housing
 - Establish Door-to-door Transportation Program
 - Congregate meal program
11. Letter dated May 18, 2007 from Robin S. Toma, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, requesting Fiscal Year 2007-08 funds for three unmet critical needs which include:
 - Building Bridges Initiative
 - Youth Human Relations Leadership Camp
 - Conflict Prevention in Transitioning Communities
12. Letter dated May 15, 2007 from Bruce W. McClendon, Director of Planning, requesting Fiscal Year 2007-08 funds which will enable the Department to provide enhanced levels of service which include:
 - Salary Equity Proposal
 - Special Area Planning and Community Standards
 - Expanded Field Office Counseling and Processing
 - Hearing Examiner
 - Updated Environmental Process and Procedure System
 - Public Hearing Room Technology Upgrade
 - Resource Management, Training and Development
13. Memo received via email on May 9, 2007 from Becky Dennison and Pete White, Directors of the Los Angeles Community Action Network, requesting ongoing annual funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative.
14. Memo received via email on May 16, 2007 from Vickie Donaldson, Director of Homeless Services of the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, requesting support to expand funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative.

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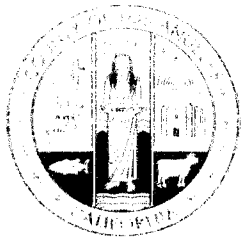
15. Memo received via email on May 18, 2007 from Leslie Croom, Community Organizer of the United Coalition East Prevention Project, requesting support to expand funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative.

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Enclosures (15)

c: Each Department/District Head

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GLORIA MOLINA
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

May 17, 2007

Ms. Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Sachi:

To maintain infrastructure development in the First District, maintain core programs for children, and increase funding for the criminal justice system to be considered for Budget Deliberations, I am submitting the following list of programs to your office so that they may be entered into the public record:

Department of Health Services: Identify funding to address the ongoing needs of our health care delivery system.

Public Safety: Increase patrol in unincorporated areas and increase parking enforcement in unincorporated areas. Continue the Sheriff-Summer Gang Suppression Program.

Library/Parks: Funding for enhanced programming in our Park and Library facilities and ongoing maintenance at our parks (Parque de los Suenos, Mayberry Park, Sunshine Park, Sorenson Park, Dalton Park, Valleydale Park and Obregon Park). Capital funding for splash pads at City Terrace, Atlantic Park, San Angelo Park and Whittier Narrows.

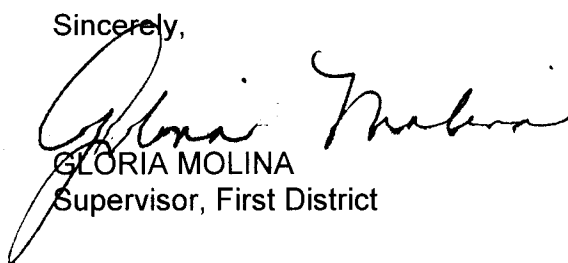
Unincorporated areas: Funding for the publication of community guides and websites. Increased funding for graffiti removal.

Children/Afterschool Programs: Identify a stream of funding for programs targeting at-risk youth.

Child Care: Expand child care facilities and establish a mechanism to create a permanent fund for expansions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


GLORIA MOLINA
Supervisor, First District

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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

May 18, 2007

Ms. Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Hamai:

I am submitting the following list of unmet needs and priorities for inclusion in the public record during public hearings, budget deliberations and any supplemental changes:

Health and Mental Health Services

- School-based methamphetamine outreach, prevention and treatment program;
- Expansion and enhancement of smoking cessation programs for priority populations;
- Healthcare interpreter services to address language and cultural needs of limited English proficient patients;
- Restoration of Elder Abuse Prevention Program sites countywide;
- Restoration of funds for Public Private Partnerships;
- Current and future required county matches for Healthy Families and EPSDT Programs separate and apart from current MOE; and supplemental funding to rehabilitate and refurbish the Mental Health Centers and Health Care clinics due to extensive usage, old age and damage by earthquakes;

Community and Municipal Services

- Elimination of waiting lists at the Department Community and Senior Services for senior citizen meals programs at current sites countywide; and additional staff positions for the Willowbrook Senior Center;
- Augmentation of the Self Help Legal Access Centers in high need areas countywide;
- Allocation of Adult Protective Services personnel to the Department of Consumer Affairs to address financial abuse complaints from elderly consumers;
- Expansion of identity theft prevention programs at the Department of Consumer Affairs, Sheriff's Department and District Attorney;
- Increased recruitment and longevity of librarians;
- Implementation of an English as a Second Language Program for IHSS providers;

- Continued broadcasting of Los Angeles County Arts Commission's Holiday Celebration Program;
- Enhancement of existing educational programs at the Museum of Natural History, including after school science programs and partnerships with schools;
- Continued refurbishment of the remaining swimming pools in the Second District.
- Addition of stand alone restroom at Alondra Park.

Public Safety

- Sheriff's Department Program Manager for Information Technology; and reinstatement of service area lieutenants in high crime areas.
- Construction of the new Athens Sheriff's Station.
- Recruitment efforts at the Office of Public Safety for additional officers at parks;

Children and Families' Well-Being

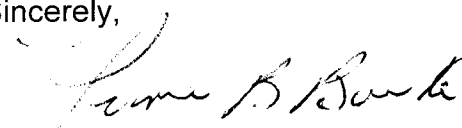
- Continued support for initiatives to end homelessness;
- Expansion of county employment and career training opportunities for youth;

County Operations

- Funding to address the following issues at the Department of Regional Planning: Employee wage disparity; Special area planning and community standards; affordable housing/ green building ombudsman; expanded field office counseling and processing; addition of hearing examiner and related positions; updated environmental process and procedure system; mitigation monitoring; public hearing room technology upgrade; resource management, training and development; additional personnel to expedite the CUP process and code enforcement.
- Reallocation of funds in Community Development Division to finance "Red Team Task Force" to serve as a one-stop permitting service center to expedite development projects in low-income areas; and funding for NAT, NET, CET team efforts to restore unincorporated area neighborhoods;
- Department of Human Resources' implementation of Employee Performance Management System to support the EPMS system designed to improve employee performance and align job performance and behaviors with county strategic goals.

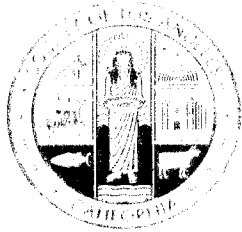
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



YVONNE B. BURKE
Supervisor, Second District

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c: David E. Janssen, CEO



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ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

May 18, 2007

Ms. Sachi Hamai, Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors
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Dear Ms. Hamai:

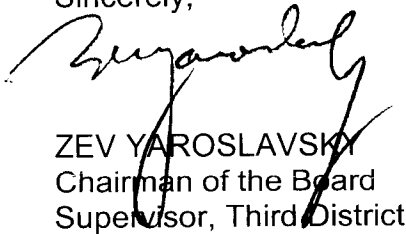
I am submitting my budget priorities to your office so that they may be entered into public record, in accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), which requires that matters considered during budget deliberations be first raised during the public hearings process.

1. **County Hospitals and Clinics** – Sufficient revenue to sustain operations of the County's public hospitals and clinics.
2. **Adolescent Mental Health** – Funding to reopen adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds at the Olive View Medical Center.
3. **Crystal Methamphetamine Early Intervention and Treatment** – Funding to support Alcohol and Drug Program Administration outreach programs for crystal methamphetamine addiction for hard-to-reach and/or underserved populations.
4. **Pediatric Trauma** – Funding to establish and operate a pediatric trauma service.
5. **Countywide Smoking Cessation Program** – Consideration of funding to support tobacco cessation programs to reduce the rate of smoking among adults in Los Angeles County.
6. **Regional Planning** – Funding to support the Department of Regional Planning request related to salary equity.

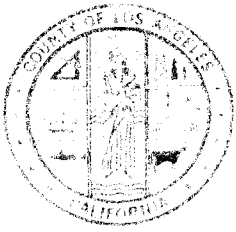
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7. **Supportive Services for Permanent Housing for the Homeless** – Ongoing funding to sustain and link specialized supportive services to existing and new permanent housing for homeless individuals.
8. **Employment, Education and Training** – Consideration of funding for the Workforce Investment Act Adult Special Needs population to ensure the sustainability of provider programs.
9. **Youth Jobs** – Consideration of funding to reinstate Youth Jobs, an employment program for youth living in a CalWORKs household to transition into self-sufficient adulthood.
10. **Beaches and Harbors** – Funding to meet California Coastal Commission requirements imposed on the Will Rogers Coastline Deck project.
11. **Beaches and Harbors** – Adequate funding for beach capital improvement projects.
12. **Retiree Health** – Consideration of increased funding for escalating retiree health costs.

Sincerely,



ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Chairman of the Board
Supervisor, Third District



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DON KNABE
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

May 15, 2007

Ms. Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
383 Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Hamai:

In order to ensure that certain subjects can be discussed and maintained as three-vote items during the Board's budget deliberations scheduled to commence **June 18, 2007**, I am submitting the following list for the public record for fiscal year **2007-2008**:

- Considerations of funding for the Department of Health Services to keep Rancho Los Amigos open as a county hospital.

Animal Care/Control:

- 2 Department Personnel Technicians and a Senior Secretary I for HR Division, due to huge personnel workload in this Department.
- Upgrade of Secretary for the Administrative Deputy to make this person unclassified and capable of handling confidential information.
- Add Deputy Director position for Animal Sheltering. Right now all 6 shelters are under one Deputy. We need another one so we can divide the shelters among them and they can get the oversight they need.

Arts

- Consideration of additional funding for the Fourth District Arts Education Enrichment Program.
- Consideration of additional funding to continue Arts Commission grant funding.

Beaches and Harbors

- Consideration of funding for unfunded beach capital improvement projects, including facility upgrades, replacements and beach re-nourishment on County operated beaches.
- Consideration of funding for unfunded Marina capital improvement projects.
- Consideration of additional funding to institute a deferred and preventative maintenance program for beach and Marina facilities.
- Consideration of funding to pay a portion of the \$8 million Marina dredging project.

Chief Administrative Office

- Consideration of funding for the Chief Administrative Office Unincorporated Division for a newsletter to serve all unincorporated communities.
- Consideration of funding for the CAO - Service Integration Branch, in partnership with appropriate County human services departments, to maintain Countywide outreach and promotional efforts for the Safely Surrendered Infant Program.

Child Support Services Department

- Consideration of additional funding to increase compliance of non-cooperative, non-custodial parents with outstanding child support orders, in partnership with the District Attorney

Children and Family Services

- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Children and Family Services to enhance efforts to develop mentoring programs for older foster youth.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Children and Family Services to redefine the role of group homes and foster family agencies in the child welfare system.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Children and Family Services to provide for educational liaisons for foster youth attending elementary and high schools within the Fourth District.

- Consideration of funding for the Department of Children and Family Services to enhance post-adoption services.
- Consideration of additional funding to enhance services to incarcerated parents of foster children.

Community and Senior Services

- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Community and Senior Services to create additional senior programs within the unincorporated areas.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Community and Senior Services to enhance transportation options for seniors within the Fourth District.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Community and Senior Services to explore Alternative Dispute Resolution agencies.
- Consideration of additional funding for Department of Community and Senior Services to expand and enhance meal programs for seniors, both congregate and home-delivered, within the Fourth District
- Consideration of additional funding for expansion of summer job programs for youth

Community Development Commission

- Consideration of funding for the Community Development Commission to establish a Community Business Revitalization Program within the unincorporated area of Whittier.
- Consideration of funding for the new Community Center at Harbor Hills to support the recreation programs.
- Consideration of funding to establish a community enhancement program in unincorporated South Whittier

Consumer Affairs

- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Consumer Affairs for two additional special investigation staff members.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Consumer Affairs to enhance the Small Claims Court Advisor Program.

- Add administration support positions to handle the increase in workload in County initiated mandates for Consumer Affairs.
- Funding for five positions to respond to financial crimes against seniors. The Department needs one Consumer Affairs Supervisor and four Consumer Affairs Representative III to investigate and resolve financial abuse crimes against seniors. The Department's level of funding to respond to this type of crimes is inadequate.
- Funding for one position, Consumer Affairs Representative III, to investigate increased homeowner fraud complaints to handle an 18% increase in homeowner complaints filed with the Department in 2006. A primary reason for this increase is the soaring number of foreclosure notices, which went up 120% last year.
- Funding for a consultant to assist the Department in testing and refining its Strategic Plan and Performance Counts! and measures. The Department needs a consultant to (1) design, conduct and test surveys; (2) refine the measures according to the survey findings; and (3) update the strategic plan.
- At no additional cost to the County, the Department wants to create a mechanism to set aside departmental year-end net County savings to replace obsolete computers every three years. This type of funding strategy is essential to conduct effective, efficient, and secure business operations as we deliver departmental services to the public.

Coroner

- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of the Coroner to add staff and capital project funding.

District Attorney

- Consideration of funding for the District Attorney to enhance code enforcement prosecution.
- Consideration of funding for the Public Integrity and Justice System Integrity Divisions.
- Consideration of funding for the Family Violence Division of the District Attorney.
- Consideration of additional funding for the District Attorney's Organized Crime Division.

- Consideration of additional funding for the District Attorney's Hardcore Gang Unit.
- Consideration of additional funding for the District Attorney to enhance the SAGE Program.
- Consideration of additional funding for the District Attorney for funding of two investigators to work with the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force to help locate and assist in the extradition of criminal fugitives from Mexico.
- Consideration of additional funding to increase compliance of non-cooperative, non-custodial parents with outstanding child support orders, in partnership with the Child Support Services Department.

Fire

- Consideration of additional funding for lifeguard staffing and operations.
- Consideration of funding for capital improvements on Catalina Island.
- Consideration of funding for additional lifeguard facilities and equipment.

Health Services

- Consideration of funding for the Children's Dental Health Clinic (Long Beach).
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Health Services to support transitional housing for persons with HIV/AIDS in Long Beach/South Bay areas.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Health Services to create a tutoring and mentoring program for mentally ill and high-risk youth.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Health Services to train medical, college and high school students in Wilmington.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Health Services to hire a full-time dentist at the Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center.

- Consideration of funding for the Department of Health Services to expand dental care for disabled persons to sites beyond Rancho Los Amigos.
- Consideration of additional funding for food bank services to assist persons
- Consideration of funding for outpatient primary care services
- Consideration of additional funding for recuperative beds for the homeless.
- Consideration of additional funding to open up primary care facilities in high need residential areas.
- Consideration of additional funding for emergency preparedness and disaster response training for businesses, church groups and other community based entities.

Homeland Security

- Consideration of funding to develop an emergency preparedness handbook to be distributed to every home in the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Consideration of funding for additional staffing for the Office of Emergency Management.

Human Relations Commission

- To support and improve Zero hour school programs, website and other youth-related programs and initiatives. The objective is to address the alarming rise in youth and school hate violence in the County by expanding human relations infrastructure in schools and communities.
- Will develop and implement the HRC Youth Human Relations Leadership Camp. This initiative will establish a youth human relations leadership camp, which will fill a critical void left by the closing of NCCJ's Brotherhood/Sisterhood Camp. This camp will directly support the Commission's Zero hour school program, which is creating human relations models at 5 targeted schools – 1 in each Supervisory District.

- Will develop and implement programs to prevent violence in transitioning communities in need of assistance. This new position will be filled with a highly skilled Senior Human Relations Consultant who will work closely with key representatives of identified communities to build strong assets-based community coalitions that will address root causes of violent outbreaks preventatively.

Library

- Consideration of funding to enhance computer, wi-fi, and audio-visual capabilities and services for the Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights libraries.
- Consideration of funding to provide library cards, create libraries at two juvenile halls which currently do not have them and a book mobile to serve our probation camps and juvenile hall minors in need of literacy services.

Mental Health

- Consideration of funding for the Department of Mental Health to finance a family focused mental health center in North Long Beach to serve children/families and adults.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Mental Health to expand mental health services to the Native American population in the greater Long Beach area, one of the largest concentrations of urban Native Americans in the State.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Mental Health to provide specialized mental health services for at-risk youth in the Hawaiian Gardens/Norwalk areas.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Mental Health to expand mental health services for indigent Asian Pacific Islanders in the Long Beach area.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Mental Health to develop Transition Age Youth Services in the Rowland Heights/Hacienda Heights areas with special focus on developing independent living skills.
- Consideration of funding for the Departments of Mental Health, Health Services, Children and Family Services and Public Social Service for one-time only funding to implement a pilot project to treat substance abusing men who have custody of their children.

- Consideration of additional funding to replace federal 1115 Waiver Medicaid Demonstration Project funding as well as the loss of other grant funding revenue

Military and Veterans Affairs

- Consideration of funding for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to finance capital projects.

Museums

- Consideration of additional funding for the Museum of Natural History for cultural, educational, and social science resources for Fourth District communities.

Ombudsman

- Consideration of additional funding for the County Ombudsman.

Office of Public Safety

- Consideration of funding for the Office of Public Safety for the recruitment needs to fill existing vacancies to enhance park facility patrols.

Parks and Recreation

- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation for information technology staffing and unmet needs in regards to computer systems at all parks county-wide.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation to increase staffing levels for Human Resources and Training to recruit, hire and train new employees to fill the Department's vacancies.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation to enhance the countywide trail system.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the purchase of automated electronic defibrillators at County golf courses, pools, and staffed parks, and subsequent funding for staff training on the equipment.

- Consideration of funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation to enhance their Youth Enhancing Parks Project to provide valuable skills and training to at-risk youths.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation for possible land acquisitions and development for additional park facilities in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation for capital improvement projects at County golf courses:
 - Lakewood Golf Course – cart barn renovation, course improvements
 - La Mirada Golf Course – course improvements
 - Los Amigos Golf Course -- cart path, course improvements
 - Los Verdes Golf Course -- driving range improvements, club house renovation
 - Diamond Bar Golf Course – course improvements
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation for a county-wide land acquisition survey for much-needed additional park space, specifically in the unincorporated areas.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the creation, construction and staffing of a Junior Golf Academy.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation for grounds maintenance crews and equipment

Probation

- Consideration of additional funding to enhance the 'suitable placement' unit."
- Consideration of additional funding for the Probation Department to reduce Deputy Probation Officers' adult and juvenile caseloads.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Probation Department's DISARM Program.
- Consideration of funding for the Probation Department to fund one full time Deputy Probation Officer to work in collaboration with Whittier SAGE Deputy District Attorney within the PACT Unit.

- Consideration of additional funding for the Operation Read Program designed to improve literacy rates for delinquent and dependent youth in the care of the County.
- Consideration of additional funding for the School-Based Supervision Program

Public Library

- Consideration of additional funding to keep all libraries open and maintain the operating hours and material budget
- Consideration of additional funding for the Public Library's capital projects budget.
- Consideration of additional funding for the East San Gabriel Library capital project.

Public Social Services

- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Public Social Services to enhance outreach of DPSS services for relative caretakers of children in the foster care system.
- Consideration of additional funding to explore and implement new, innovative ways to improve access to DPSS services in the Fourth District.

Public Works

- Consideration of additional funding for the Department of Public Works to complete shoreline sand surveys.
- Consideration of funding for the Department of Public Works to address backlogged projects.
- Consideration of funding for increased demand in property rehabilitation/investigation requests and code enforcement.
- Consideration of funding for pre-county improvements to cover study related to the formation of the Westfield Park Sewers.
- Consideration for funding to purchase replacement trees for medians, road right of ways for the Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights areas

- Consideration of funding to fast-track grade separations along the San Gabriel Valley.
- Consideration of funding for increased road maintenance budget in the Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights areas.
- Perform a field investigation of the flood control in Long Beach to assess the source of a continual odor. Based on the results of the investigation, determine how to perform the necessary work, along with acquiring the environmental permits that will be needed to perform such work.

Regional Planning

- Expand field office counseling
- Regional Planning salary equity/adjustment issue
- Additional area planning and community standards staff

Sheriff

- Consideration of funding to reopen Sybil Brand Jail.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Sheriff's Department.
- Consideration of funding for the Sheriff's Department unincorporated area patrol service.
- Consideration of additional funding for the Sheriff's Department Town Sheriff Program in unincorporated County areas.
- Consideration of funding to expand the Fourth District Gang Alternative Program (GAP).

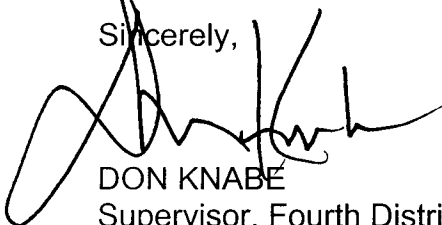
Unincorporated Areas

- Consideration of funding to finance additional parking control officers for the unincorporated areas.
- Consideration of funding for a Community Center for the Rowland Heights community.
- Consideration of funding for staff for a Community Center/Programs for Rowland Heights

- Consideration of funding for a Community Center for the Hacienda Heights community.
- Consideration of funding for staffing for a Community Center/Programs for Hacienda Heights
- Consideration of funding for a shuttle service for the Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights communities.
- Consideration of funding to purchase a message board/marquee electronic sign for community activities in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights areas.
- Consideration of funding for printing and mailing Community Connections in the Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights areas on a bi yearly basis (currently only annually).
- Consideration of funding for increased graffiti abatement in the Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights areas.
- Consideration of funding for a teen center at Los Robles Park in Hacienda Heights.
- Consideration of funding to purchase lights for the recreational fields at community parks in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights.
- Consideration of funding to provide additional emergency helicopter transportation services from the East San Gabriel Valley

If you or your staff would like to discuss these requests in more detail, please contact Carl Gallucci of my staff or me, at (213) 974-4444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Knabe', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

DON KNABE
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles

DK:lr



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR

May 18, 2007

TO: Sachi Hamai
Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor, Fifth District

SUBJECT: FIFTH DISTRICT BUDGET REQUEST

I am submitting my budget priorities to your office for the public record, so that they may be considered during Budget deliberations in June 2007:

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

- Additional Animal Care and Control Officers

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- Community Connections Guides

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

- Establishing an internal or external Foster Care Ombudsman's Office
- Foster Home Monitoring Staff

COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES

- Facilities upgrades
- Senior Meals

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- Summer Gang Suppression

HEALTH SERVICES

- South Valley Expansion (\$5,358,000)
- AVHC Prenatal Clinic Care Expansion (\$1,764,000)
- Lake Los Angeles/Littlerock Expansion (\$1,591,000)
- High Desert Infusion Clinic (\$2,769,000)

INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Cooling Centers Emergency Power (\$120,000 dual feed; \$200,000 stand-by generator – for eleven designated centers)

PARKS AND RECREATION

- \$2.5 million for Arcadia pool refurbishment
- Soccer fields for the Antelope Valley (specific site is 52nd Street and Avenue J – joint use facility with Westside Union School District, Lancaster and the County)
- Ongoing money for park maintenance

PROBATION

- Ten DISARM Deputy Probation Officers
- Additional Deputy Probation Officers for suitable placement

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Support State legislation and funding that will enhance the enforcement of California's tobacco laws, including adding fines and license revocation to the range of options available to the State when there are serious violations of State licensing laws
- Environmental Health Inspectors for weekend sweeps of illegal fruit vendors

PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Castaic Library

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

- \$200,000 to include CDC in the Data Warehouse Project (\$50,000 for the design phase, \$150,000 to implement the design)

REGIONAL PLANNING

- Special Area Planning and Community Standards
- Affordable Housing Ombudsman
- Expanded Field Office counseling and Processing
- Contract Hearing Officers
- Public Hearing Room Technology Upgrade
- Strategic Planning and Database Management
- Updated Environmental Process and Procedure System
- Certificates of Compliance Processing
- Mitigation Monitoring and Land Divisions Compliance Review

REGIONAL PLANNING (continued)

- Zoning Enforcement Compliance Checks
- Resource Management, Training and Development
- Airport Land Use Planning/Consistency Determinations

REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

- East San Gabriel Valley Satellite Office

SHERIFF

- Altadena Sheriff Station
- Additional Sheriff's Department in Unincorporated Patrol

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May 15, 2007

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UNMET NEEDS – FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

This letter is written to inform your Board of the Alternate Public Defender's unmet needs for fiscal year 2007-08. These needs are not addressed in the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended budget. Funding is necessary for the following:

	Gross Appropriation	Revenue/IFT	Net County Cost	Budgeted Positions
1.	\$ 1,152,000	\$ --	\$ 1,152,000	8.0
<u>Salary and Employee Benefits:</u> Reflects the addition of 3.0 Grade IV attorneys and 5.0 Investigators to handle the increase in homicide, drug court, and juvenile delinquency cases.				
2.	\$ 1,333,000	\$ --	\$ 1,333,000	7.0
<u>Salary and Employee Benefits:</u> Reflects the addition of 7.0 Grade IV attorneys to begin implementation of the department's DNA program.				
3.	\$ 1,132,000	\$ --	\$ 1,132,000	6.0
<u>Salary and Employee Benefits:</u> Reflects the addition of 3.0 Head Deputies to supervise attorneys working at the Central Branch and the new Alhambra Branch. Also reflects the addition of 2.0 Information Systems Support Analysts and 1.0 Accountant to handle the increase in data systems management and ensure compliance with Auditor-Controller policies.				
4.	\$ 200,000	\$ --	\$ 200,000	--
<u>Services and Supplies:</u> Reflects the addition of funding necessary to cover increases in rent/leases, utilities, telecommunications, and other services and supplies.				
Total \$	3,817,000	\$ --	\$ 3,817,000	21.0

I look forward to working with your Board to continue to provide outstanding services to the residents of the County of Los Angeles. Please let me know if you require additional information.

Sincerely,


JANICE Y. FUKAI
Alternate Public Defender



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Dear Supervisors:

FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Fiscal Year 2007-08 Official Budget Request of the Department of Consumer Affairs included unmet needs of \$6.1 million and 59.0 positions.

Of this amount, the Department has identified \$1.196 million and 14.0 positions as our highest priorities for consideration by your Board during the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Deliberation. These items align with the County Strategic plan goals of Service Excellence, Workforce Excellence, Organizational Effectiveness and Community Services.

The Department requests your consideration of the following unmet needs:

1. Highest Priority: Funding to Assist Seniors against Financial Crimes
Amount:..... \$421,000
Positions: 5.0
Funding Source:..... Ongoing net County cost

The Department needs 1.0 Consumer Affairs Supervisor and 4.0 Consumer Affairs Representative III to investigate and resolve financial abuse crimes against seniors.

Financial crimes against seniors are very harmful and widespread. This type of crime typically involves the stealing of a senior's home and life-time savings, and the victim is often unable to recover - financially and emotionally - from the loss.

The Adult Protective Services (APS) Program of the Department of Community and Senior Services has primary responsibility for responding to reports of general elder abuse. They receive over 26,000 reports per year, approximately 6,600 of which involve financial fraud. The Department receives funding from APS to investigate only up to 144 cases per year. This amounts to less than two percent of the cases APS receives that involve financial fraud. The requested funding would enable the Department to investigate approximately 25% of the elder financial fraud cases APS receives annually, as well as increase education, advocacy, and outreach programs for seniors.

2. Second Priority: Additional Funding for Identity Theft Unit
Amount:..... \$400,000
Positions: 5.0
Funding Source:..... Ongoing net County cost

The Department needs funding for 5.0 Consumer Affairs Representative III to assist identity theft victims.

Identity theft is a harmful crime that ruins the victim's good name and credit. Often, victims even face charges for crimes they did not commit. In 2005, it is estimated that nationwide over 10 million people were victims of identity theft, with a cost to businesses and victims of more than \$56 billion. California is the state with the highest number of reported identity theft cases. The County of Los Angeles is one of California's areas with the most victims.

In recognition of this growing problem, the Board of Supervisors, based on Supervisor Yvonne Burke's recommendation, allocated limited seed money in Fiscal Year 2006-07 to fund 4.0 positions for the Department to assist identity theft victims. Consistent with our original report to the Board dated September 15, 2006, the Department needs 5.0 additional positions to help victims in restoring their good names and credit, educate consumers and business on how to reduce the risk of becoming victims, and assist law enforcement and prosecuting agencies in investigating and prosecuting identity theft crimes.

3. Third Priority: Funding for Administrative Positions
Amount:..... \$245,000
Positions: 3.0
Funding Source:..... Ongoing net County cost

The Department needs 1.0 Administrative Assistant III and 1.0 Accountant III to provide additional support in the areas of accounting, budgeting, facilities maintenance, special projects, and for the refinement and implementation of Performance Counts! and other new County initiatives. The Department also needs 1.0 Departmental Personnel Technician for assistance with staff recruitment, the examination process, and selection. This position will also assist with staff classification, development and training, retention, and other personnel and payroll-related responsibilities.

The administrative support structure of the Department has remained the same for the last 25 years due to budget limitations. By contrast, during this time period, the administrative functions and workload of the Department have grown significantly in both volume and complexity. This has been due to new and increased grant funding, increase in budgeted positions, branch office and program service expansion, increased County fiscal and budget monitoring requirements, and significant operational changes as a result of the County Strategic Planning process and Performance Counts! Twenty-five years ago, the Department operated only two programs with a budget of \$903,000. In Fiscal Year 2007-08, the Department will manage ten programs and a budget of \$6.9 million. The number of administrative support positions, however, has remained unchanged during this period of time.

The Department is excited and welcomes the changes that were brought about by additional funding, program enhancements, and the County Strategic Plan. However, these changes have created an exponential increase in administrative workload with no corresponding increase in staff positions. Employees have been experiencing a great deal of difficulty in managing the required additional workload while taking care of existing tasks. As a result, employees often seek outside employment opportunities immediately after they acquire valuable skills, knowledge, and experience.

4. Fourth Priority: Funding for Real Estate Fraud and Information Program

Amount:..... \$80,000
Positions: 1.0
Funding Source:..... Ongoing net County cost

The Department needs 1.0 Consumer Affairs Representative III to handle an 18% increase in homeowner complaints filed with the Department in 2006. A primary reason for this increase is the soaring number of foreclosure notices, which went up 120% last year. This trend is projected to continue upward due to falling home prices and the prevalence of mortgage loans with terms and conditions that are highly detrimental to homeowners.

5. Fifth Priority: Funding for Strategic Plan and Performance Counts! Consultant

Amount:..... \$50,000
Positions: 0.0
Funding Source:..... Ongoing net County cost

The Department has created and implemented a strategic plan and Performance Counts! measures. To further improve the strategic plan and Performance Counts! measures, the Department needs a consultant to design, conduct and test surveys; refine the measures according to the survey findings; and update the strategic plan.

6. Sixth Priority: Implementation of a Funding Mechanism to Replace Obsolete Computers

Amount:..... \$0
Positions: 0.0
Funding Source:..... none required

The Department needs a mechanism by which year-end net County cost savings would be accumulated into a special fund for the replacement of obsolete computer workstations every three years. This unmet need will not require the allocation of additional net County cost to the Department. If this mechanism is made available to, and adopted by, other small departments, it will result in cost savings to the County through consolidated computer purchases.

Replacement of obsolete computers every three years is essential to conduct effective, efficient, and secure business operations as we deliver departmental services to the public. In 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved one-time funding from the Information Technology Fund (ITF) to replace the Department's 6-year old computers. It was critical to replace the

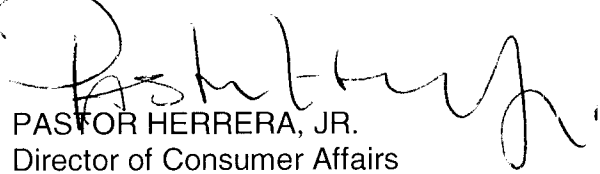
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computers to eliminate the obsolete operating systems used by the Department which posed a threat to the Los Angeles County data network infrastructure. This one-time funding also allowed the Department to join the Information Technology Shared Services Program and provide employees with newer computers for greater efficiency, reliability and system response time.

Conclusion

During the deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget, your Board is requested to give favorable consideration to these items that will allow the Department to implement its Strategic Plan Objectives that correspond to the County's Strategic Plan Goals.

Respectfully Submitted,



PASTOR HERRERA, JR.
Director of Consumer Affairs

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c: David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer

MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD
COUNTY LIBRARIAN

May 14, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 BUDGET

In 2007-08, the County of Los Angeles Public Library is committed to continuing its tradition of strong service to the public and to enhancing services to meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of the County's diverse communities in the 21st century.

The Public Library's 2007-08 CAO Proposed Budget supports current service levels at all libraries, including maintenance of funding levels for books and materials, enhanced service hours, and expanded programming for residents of the unincorporated areas.

Our 2007-08 CAO Proposed Budget also reflects the Department's Critical Unmet Needs. These Critical Unmet Needs include items necessary to meet service standards consistent with other large urban public library jurisdictions serving similar populations. The major categories of Critical Unmet Needs are described as follows: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Facilities Upgrades (\$3 million), Customer Self-Service Implementation (\$8.1 million), Books and Library Material (\$13.9 million), Book Distribution Facility (\$2.3 million), Enhanced Bookmobile Program (\$2.1 million), Book Detection System Upgrades (\$2 million), Information Technology Upgrades (\$2.9 million), Youth Services Enhancements (\$2 million), Facility Refurbishments (\$15.0 million), and Library Facilities Replacement (\$963 million). Fully funding the Department's Critical Unmet Needs would require an augmentation of \$1.01 billion from the County General Fund or other sources of revenue.

In 2007-08, with the Board of Supervisors' ongoing support for library services, the County Public Library will continue implementing the strategic directions outlined in the County of Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan, March 2004. Those strategic directions include efforts currently underway to refine and adopt new standards for technology, including implementation of a new Integrated Library System (ILS); collection development services; and facilities management, which all support the Public Library's Strategic Plan initiative and the County's Goal for Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Donnellan Todd
County Librarian

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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Dear Supervisors:

As Chair of the Library Commission, I am writing to urge your Board to continue support for the County of Los Angeles Public Library and the valuable services it provides. The Commission members and I are very grateful for the on-going support the Board of Supervisors has provided to our libraries in the past. Your recognition of the important role strong public libraries play in our communities has allowed the County Library to maintain a positive presence throughout Los Angeles County.

Your support of the Library's replacement of its Integrated Library System (ILS) is a vital part of the organization's strategic direction. Technology is an essential part of library service in the 21st century and requires ongoing funding to remain current. For a system as large as the County Library, this cost is substantial; in the case of the ILS project, a total cost of more than \$7 million over a ten year period. While the project contract was negotiated in Fiscal Year 2006/07, it was your Board's \$4.5 million contribution in the budget for Fiscal Year 2005/06 that allowed the County Library to move forward with that negotiation. The end result will be a new, more easily accessible public catalog, new electronic services for the public and improved staff efficiency.

We would also like to thank your Board for the building projects that are currently underway. Five new libraries; three replacement libraries in Lawndale, La Crescenta and unincorporated Whittier (Sorensen Library); and two new buildings in the high-growth areas of Topanga and Acton/Agua Dulce, are in the final stages of design. In addition, one library has just reopened following a complete refurbishment, another has recently closed for a major renovation and two other refurbishments are slated to begin shortly. There will be a continued need for your support of new and renovated facilities in the coming years as the Public Library continues to deal with service to new growth areas and upkeep of existing buildings as they age.

The members of the Library Commission know that every budget requires your Board to set priorities and make difficult choices. We hope that the Public Library will continue to be a priority for you and that you will continue your tradition of support.

Sincerely,

Gordon Stefenhagen
Chair, Library Commission

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian



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May 3, 2007

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Cynthia D. Banks, Director
Subject: **UNMET NEEDS REQUEST – FY 2007-08**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CDB", is written over the "From:" line.

Over the past several months, working in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles, we conducted seven public hearings and held many meetings with our Aging Commission and Council to discuss issues of concern to seniors in the County. Some of the concerns expressed include the lack of a planning effort to coordinate the various services provided to seniors and the lack of adequate transportation and affordable housing to targeted segments of the senior population such as older women and veterans.

The rise in the need for services coincides with the aging of the baby boomer generation and this will have a dramatic impact on the services we provide to our seniors. The Milken Institute estimates that from year 2000 to 2025, there will be an 85% increase in the elderly population of those aged 60 and older. Other reports indicate that "since January 1, 2006, a baby boomer turns 60 every eight seconds." Given the projected exponential growth of seniors in the County, we need to begin to address these issues.

The funding we receive from the California Department of Aging (CDA) to provide services to seniors is inadequate to meet the growing needs of our senior population. Funding has remained static over the past years and no additional funding is going to be available next fiscal year. Meanwhile, costs have continued to increase. This static funding, coupled with higher costs, has eroded our capacity to maintain services. So, I am seeking an additional \$5.6 million in our FY 2007-08 budget to begin to address critical gaps in the services we provide to our aging population and to strengthen our planning and coordination efforts. We will use these funds as follows:

Planning and Coordination:

Over the past year, we have targeted our attention to issues of program and contract integrity. This focus, however, has drastically dwindled our ability to keep a core group of staff dedicated to addressing the growing demand for services among seniors. As a County agency, we must provide leadership for that growth. However, in our current proposed budget, we don't have enough resources. We don't have, for example, the staffing to provide technical support to the roughly 50 agencies that provide services to seniors in the County. We also need to lead countywide efforts to increase employment

opportunities for seniors or to coordinate immunizations and flu vaccinations between the Department of Public Health and the network of agencies that provide services to our senior population. We also need to lead countywide efforts to promote affordable housing for our senior community. As part of my Unmet Needs budget, I am asking your Board to recognize \$1 million to add staffing to support our planning and coordination efforts in the County.

Transportation:

Establishing a transportation network that supports the needs of seniors is vital to the County. For this reason, I am seeking funding to establish a door-to-door transportation program that follows the model used by the City of Los Angeles. This program would provide a door-to-door transportation service offering a shared ride for the elderly and disabled for whom current transportation services in the County, such as ACCESS, are inadequate to serve their needs. I am asking for \$3.6 million to implement this program. This amount is likely insufficient to meet the transportation needs of our seniors but is a first step to solving this critical problem. I plan to also seek extra funding from Prop A as well as other grants from the State and the Feds to expand this service in our County.

Nutrition:

Home-delivered meals and congregate nutrition services are our primary nutrition programs. The congregate meal program allows seniors to gather at a local site—often the local senior citizens' center—for a meal plus health screenings, exercise, or recreational activities. Often, people receive foods that correspond with their special dietary needs. Other services we provide to seniors include nutrition education, screening and counseling. The meals provide not only good nutrition, but they also give older people a chance to socialize—a key factor in keeping people actively and socially engaged and living healthier lives. We currently provide roughly 187,000 meals monthly to seniors in the County. Yet, we have seniors on waiting lists. Therefore, we are asking for \$1 million to reduce the number of seniors on waiting lists in the County and to partially offset increased costs among our network of service providers.

I look forward to discussing with your offices the need for more funding to continue to provide services to our aging population.

CDB/OS/clw

c: David E. Janssen
Advisory Council
LACCOA

Montes, Angie

From: Guerrero, Robin
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2007 3:55 PM
To: Montes, Angie
Subject: FW: Unmet Needs Letter
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*Robin A. Guerrero
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From: Hamai, Sachi
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Subject: FW: Unmet Needs Letter

From: Cynthia Banks [mailto:cbanks@CSS.LACOUNTY.GOV]
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2007 1:53 PM
To: Hamai, Sachi
Subject: Unmet Needs Letter

Sachi,

Attached is a copy of an unmet needs letter we sent to the Supervisors. If you have any questions, please call me on 213-637-0798.

Cynthia

5/15/2007



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FY 2007-08 UNMET CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Supervisors:

The Commission on Human Relations requests a total of \$950,000 for FY 2007-08 to fund three unmet critical needs for your consideration during budget deliberations.

The coming Fiscal Year will provide us with important opportunities to address major human relations challenges from a prevention-oriented, proactive and collaborative approach. The County is experiencing a deepening crisis in intergroup relations. This is exacerbated by high profile hate violence, particularly group beatings and shocking racially-motivated murders, and what appears to be recurring cases of public figures who have allegedly made bigoted or offensive remarks, along with police misconduct cases that strain police-community relations. All this is occurring amidst the ongoing debate over immigrants and immigration policy. Our latest annual analysis of hate crime covering calendar year 2005 indicates that, contrary to general crime trends in LA County, hate crime rose by 26%. driven by a 46% jump in racial hate crime. African American-Latino hate crime is at the core, accompanied by a spike in hate crimes at schools and anti-immigrant slurs. Equally disturbing is the fact that white supremacist involvement in hate crime in LA County comprised 17% of all hate crimes, much higher than the 5% national rate estimated by experts.

We in Los Angeles County have substantial assets and strengths in intergroup relations upon which we can build, but to do so requires adequate resources and staff capacity. Our budget requests are tailored strategically to meet the challenges posed by the current state and trends of intergroup relations in the county. This will permit the Commission to meet the increasing demands within a number of the County's communities for crisis response activities, and to capitalize on the opportunities for deep institutional reform that they present.

The Commission respectfully requests your consideration of the following three priority requests needed to enable the County to address key human relations needs, totaling \$ 950,000 in net county cost. These needs are set forth in our budget request and were not addressed in the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended budget for the Commission. They follow the Commission's strategic priorities: Public Safety, Youth, Capacity Building, and Crisis Response and Prevention, and align with the County strategic plan goals of Service Excellence, Organizational Effectiveness, Public Safety, Children and Families' Well-Being and Community Services.

First, we seek \$513,000 for our Building Bridges Initiative, which will solidify human relations infrastructure in schools and communities through the Commission's zerohour youth initiative. Second, we seek \$334,000 to establish a youth human relations leadership camp, which will fill a critical void left by the closing of NCCJ's Brotherhood/Sisterhood Camp. Third, we request \$103,000 for our Conflict Prevention in Transitioning Communities Initiative that will give us the capacity to prevent conflict and violence stemming from intergroup issues in transitioning communities.

1. Building Bridges Initiative

Amount: \$513,000

Positions: 2.0

Source: Ongoing Net County Cost/\$259,000 in one time funding

There is a profound crisis in intergroup relations in schools and surrounding communities around the county, marked by rising number of incidents of racial conflict and murders involving students as victims and perpetrators. It is critical that we have adequate staff capacity and programming resources to proactively transform targeted schools, one in each Supervisorial District, into "zerohour" human relations school models that can be replicated throughout the county, and extend these to make schools 'community centers,' such as the Joint County/City Juvenile Justice Task Force at Grant High and at Pacoima Middle School that includes the Probation Department, the Children's Planning Council, the City Human Relations Commission, and LAUSD, among others. With this funding, the Commission can build upon existing, and develop new, comprehensive programmatic efforts to these zerohour schools with administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents and community.

Reports of school-based hate crimes increased 256% in our most recent annual report (from 18 in 2004 to 64 in 2005), despite the fact that this figure does not include the interracial brawls that erupted on 14 campuses during the year. Also, nearly 60% of individuals prosecuted for hate crimes by the L.A. District Attorney were juveniles, up 95% from 2004. Data gathered to date for 2006 demonstrates that this trend is continuing.

We request \$269,000 for one-time increased program funding, \$101,000 for ongoing NCC for key programs (expected to be funded from other sources in approximately 2-3 years), as well as \$143,000 of ongoing NCC for a Human Relations Consultant and a

Human Relations Aid to support work with schools, County departments, faith and other community-based organizations, to tailor and implement Human Relations programs to fit strengths and needs unique to those areas. These staff will also work with groups of youth and funded marketing professional to enhance the Commission's electronic and other youth oriented communication and marketing strategies to continually increase youth and community involvement with human relations efforts in schools and communities.

2. Youth Human Relations Leadership Camp

*Amount: \$334,000
Positions: 1.0
Source: Ongoing Net County Cost/\$10,000 in one time funding*

This proposal for a youth human relations leadership camp is urgently needed to address an alarming rise in youth and school violence, and to fill the void created by the closure of highly esteemed NCCJ Brotherhood-Sisterhood Camp, which over its 50 year existence educated tens of thousands of LA County high school students and produced generations of community leaders skilled in intergroup relations.

As we note above, reports of school-based hate crimes increased 256% in our most recent annual report (from 18 in 2004 to 64 in 2005), despite the fact that this figure does not include the interracial brawls that erupted on 14 campuses during the year. Also, nearly 60% of individuals prosecuted for hate crimes by the L.A. District Attorney were juveniles, up 95% from 2004.

HRC has developed this proposal based on the model of the NCCJ camp, and proposes to revive this camp via contract with an experienced contractor with expertise in human relations and youth leadership development training. The camp curriculum utilized will be based upon a proven, best practice program designed to engage youth in an intensive, participatory session that will increase their understanding of intergroup relations and provide them with practical tools to create an inclusive, multicultural, non-violent and safe community. Youth can use these skills in their daily lives to de-escalate potentially violent situations. This program will begin recruitment and training of camp staff, and recruitment of students, resulting in camp sessions for the summer of 2008. This camp will directly support the Commission's zerohour school program, which is creating human relations models at 5 targeted schools – 1 in each Supervisorial District - in LA County.

3. Conflict Prevention in Transitioning Communities

*Amount: \$103,000
Positions: 1
Source: Ongoing Net County Cost/\$10,000 in one time funding*

HRC proposes to address the alarming rise in intergroup tension and violence in transitioning communities. This significant increase is evidenced in the HRC 2005 Hate

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Crimes Report and preliminary data gathered for 2006 demonstrates that this trend is continuing. This new position will be filled with a highly skilled Senior Human Relations Consultant who will work dosely with key representatives of identified communities to build strong assets-based community coalitions that will address root causes of violent outbreaks preventatively. This senior staff will provide advanced skills building and guidance to under-resourced and at risk communities.

Conclusion

Funding these requests are critical if we are to provide meaningful change for our youth, communities, schools, police and other key stakeholders in Los Angeles County. Our youth have a right to be safe from hallway bullying, bias or discrimination or hate violence; to focus on achieving academically while expanding their social and emotional intelligence by accessing the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to resolve conflict, mediate issues, and interface in positive ways with others. County residents need to live in communities that are not just safe, but socially healthy. They need the chance to build relationships of trust through regular engagement among key institutions that can handle the conflicts that occur between residents and police, schools and local government. The over-arching goal of these efforts will be to increase the capacity of the County's school districts to go beyond crisis response, to prevent crises and provide our youth and society at large a better future.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact us at 213-974-7601.

Sincerely,



Robin S. Toma
Executive Director

c: David E. Janssen, Chief Executive Officer
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Montes, Angie

From: Sharon Williams [swilliams@hrc.lacounty.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 4:56 PM
To: Montes, Angie
Cc: Toma, Robin; Elena Halpert-Schilt
Subject: Board Letter
Attachments: Sharon Williams.vcf; Board Letter 5.18.07.pdf

Per Mr. Toma's request, attached is the board letter.

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Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



May 15, 2007

Bruce W. McClendon FAICP
Director of Planning

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

PRIORITY NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

The Department of Regional Planning is submitting its priority needs and funding requirements for Fiscal Year 2007-08. These priority needs will, if funded, enable the department to provide enhanced levels of service for the Board of Supervisors, Regional Planning Commission, unincorporated communities, landowners, and the general public. The programs will affect every supervisorial district and effectuate strategic plan strategies and objectives of the County through service and workforce excellence, and organizational effectiveness. A more detailed list of our priorities can be found in the enclosed attachment.

Our first priority need for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is the **Salary Equity Proposal (\$1,554,000)**. The Department of Regional Planning lags behind other area agencies in planning salary. Higher salaries are paid in Pasadena (23% higher), Santa Monica (23%), West Hollywood (21%) and the City of Los Angeles (15%). This salary disparity contributes to our vacancy problem by making the recruitment, hiring and retention of qualified competent staff an ongoing competition against other much higher paying agencies. This issue is further brought to light when comparing planner salaries to engineering salaries at the Department of Public Works; both sets of professionals work on extremely complex development proposals, yet engineering salaries are an average of 31% higher.

Approval of this proposal will support a better pool of candidates to select from, better retention of employees and a lower turnover rate. It would also support the County's Strategic Plan goals relating to Service Excellence and Workforce Excellence. This would bring the Department into salary parity with the City of Los Angeles and close the gap with the even higher paying agencies.

Our second priority is, **Special Area Planning and Community Standards (\$353,000)**. This priority would address updating community and area plans throughout each of the five Supervisorial Districts. In essence, planners would work with community groups to foster active participation and involvement by residents and local businesses. Additionally, a consultant will be hired to suggest a prototype plan document that would be followed to update existing plans or in preparation of new plans.

Our third priority is **Expanded Field Office Counseling and Processing (\$556,000)**. Funding will help finance staffing needs to provide adequate personnel and community based planning service in nine field offices throughout the County. Unfortunately, there is currently not enough staff to provide sufficient coverage in all field offices. The additional positions requested will mitigate the long wait times, reduce the number of complaints, and provide better customer service.

Our fourth priority, **Hearing Examiner (\$300,000)**, will provide for a contract Hearing Examiner and three salary Hearing Examiners to conduct community-based public hearings on pending cases. The Hearing Examiner will be hired to conduct local public hearings on high profile, targeted cases throughout the unincorporated area on a test basis. This will aid in reducing and/or eliminating the public having to come down to downtown Los Angeles as well as increase the streamlining of the public hearing process. On May 3 the Department was ordered by the Board of Supervisors to conduct a 120-day study and prepare a report regarding this priority need. The costs will be finalized with the completion of the report.

Our fifth priority is **Updated Environmental Process and Procedure System (\$200,000)**. This effort will provide funding to update the Environmental Processing Manual for all environmental assessments and revise the County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines to be consistent with current Department procedures. A consultant will be hired to complete the EIR and Initial Study Preparation Manual, formulate and implement a Mitigation Monitoring Program to streamline the Department's current ad hoc process, and computerize the Initial Study information database.

Our sixth priority is **Public Hearing Room Technology Upgrade (\$220,000)**. Funding will provide the staffing needs for the modernization of technology as well as a more user friendly information system that will enable the use of monitors for the Commission and public to view staff exhibits, staff reports, and other viable documents. Extensive staff training will be provided to show planners a more efficient way to properly present materials.

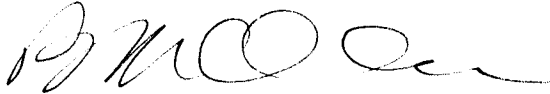
Our last priority need is **Resource Management, Training and Development (\$92,000)**. Funding for this priority will cover additional staffing needs to build knowledge and skills among less experienced staff, monitor and address turn over, roll out new training, develop mentorship and oversee employee evaluations and assist in examinations due to the Department's hiring difficulties.

As we have stated in the past, it is our strong belief that thoughtful and planned program expenditures, as outlined herein and reiterated in portions of the County and department Strategic Plans, will accomplish their purpose. We believe that planning programs and information technology will be increasingly vital in the new millennium. These programs, such as the Countywide LAR-IAC Project utilizing information technology and geographic databases, will improve customer service, streamline development permit processes, and enhance decision making throughout the County.

Considering the positive contributions that these funding requests will make to the strategic initiatives of the County and the total effectiveness of the County, we strongly recommend your consideration and funding of the priority needs listed herein for next year. The **Salary Equity Proposal** would be an important first step in helping the Department of Regional Planning better serve the County of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. W. McClendon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce W. McClendon, FAICP
Director of Planning

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Attachment

c: Hamai, BOS
Janssen, CAO
Englund
Gutierrez
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Saltsman
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**DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 ISSUES/PRIORITIES**

<i>Program</i>	<i>Gross Appropriation</i>	<i>Revenue/IFT</i>	<i>Net County Cost</i>	<i>Budgeted Positions</i>
Salary Equity Proposal	\$1,554,000	\$	\$1,554,000	

The Department experiences a significant wage difference of at least 26.7% as compared to other County departments that also undertake complex caseloads similar to the planners. An increase in wages would allow DRP a greater selection of qualifying applicants in which planning expertise and knowledge is essential to the assigned work. Additionally, the Department would be able to lower the high turnover rate experienced every year. Planners often leave the Department in favor of pursuing work at other public agencies, such as the City of Los Angeles, that offer higher wages. Furthermore, the assignments conducted by the planners can be very stressful with some being highly controversial in nature and scope. These factors alone necessitate a need to establish a more equitable salary structure for the Department. Please see the attached memo to the Chief Administrative Office for additional information.

Special Area Planning and Community Standards	\$353,000	\$	\$353,000	3.0
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This reflects funding for three planning staff members to update community and area plans throughout each of the five Supervisorial Districts. Eight plans are between 17 and 28 years old (Altadena, Antelope Valley, East Los Angeles, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Santa Catalina Island, Walnut Park and West Athens/Westmont) and need to be updated to address relevant planning issues. The planners would work with community groups to foster active participation and involvement by residents and local businesses. A consultant would be hired to review the 13 adopted area, community and neighborhood plans and to suggest a prototype plan document (i.e. format, content, land use map legend, etc.) that would be followed as existing plans are updated or new plans prepared.

Expanded Field Office Counseling and Processing	\$556,000	\$	\$556,000	7.0
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This impacts the Land Use Regulation Program and reflects funding for enhanced customer service and support staff in our nine field offices. This request addresses the problem of inadequate staffing in our nine field offices. Presently, six planners are assigned to cover nine field offices without backup support. The need to provide enhanced customer service and adequate personnel in the nine field offices is a vital part to implementing customer service improvements. The nine field offices are distributed throughout each of the five Supervisorial Districts. Presently, five of the field offices experience heavy customer traffic and lengthy wait times (Antelope Valley, Arcadia, La Puente, East Los Angeles and Firestone). Some of our other field offices such as Calabasas require fulltime staff. "Circuit rider" positions, utilizing more experienced principal regional planners will be deployed to turn-around permits more quickly and back-up planners when absent. The "circuit rider" will improve customer service by ensuring more experienced planners are available in our field offices and serve as backup during vacations, sickness, training and vacancies. Funding this program will support the County Strategic Plan (**service and workforce excellence**) by reducing customer counter and phone wait times, shortening permit review period, decreasing the number of complaints, and improve the overall level of customer service in our field offices. (Impacts: All Supervisorial Districts)

<i>Program</i>	<i>Gross Appropriation</i>	<i>Revenue/IFT</i>	<i>Net County Cost</i>	<i>Budgeted Positions</i>
Hearing Examiner	\$300,000	\$	\$300,000	1.0

Provides for a contract Hearing Examiner and a salaried staff Hearing Officer to conduct community-based public hearings on pending cases. The Regional Planning Commission and staff hearing officers currently conduct public hearings at the Department headquarters in Los Angeles. On occasion, hearings are also conducted in communities affected by the subject case. A consultant Hearing Examiner will be hired to conduct local public hearings on high profile, targeted cases throughout the unincorporated area on a test basis. This initiative will provide each community with the opportunity to be more directly involved in the public hearing process and will make it easier for citizens to provide testimony by reducing or eliminating trips to downtown Los Angeles. This effort will streamline the public hearing process and will enhance the Planning Commission's ability to review, evaluate and take action on cases before them in an expeditious manner. If fulfilled, this Unmet Need will support County and Departmental Strategic Plan goals relating to Service Excellence (local public hearings are improved customer service to the public) and Organizational Effectiveness (streamlined hearing process and Regional Planning Commission Meetings. (Impacts: All Supervisorial Districts)

Updated Environmental Process and Procedure System	\$200,000	\$	\$200,000	0.0
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This program would enable the updating of environmental processing manual for Impact Analysis and revise the county Environmental Document Reporting procedures and guidelines to be consistent with current Department procedures. The program will generate a manual as a guide to consultants writing environmental impact reports. This effort would also produce a mitigation monitoring program to streamline the department's ad hoc process using information technology and database management. This program will reduce staff time necessary to review EIR and therefore fulfill county goals of service and workforce excellence.

Public Hearing Room Technology Upgrade	\$220,000	\$	\$220,000	2.0
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The Regional Planning Commission hearing room is in dire need of renovation and modernization. The proposed room renovation will enable the utilization of technology to make the public forum much more user friendly. This would include the use of monitors for the commission and the public to view staff exhibits. Electronic versions of staff reports will be available to the commission on monitors. Staff reports and graphics will be projected on a screen and monitors using presentation software, digital photos and maps will be utilized. In addition, extensive staff training will be required for planners to properly present materials in this more efficient way. Recommendation: See C-1 of Audit.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Gross Appropriation</i>	<i>Revenue/IFT</i>	<i>Net County Cost</i>	<i>Budgeted Positions</i>
Resource Management, Training and Development	\$92,000	\$	\$92,000	1.0

An Employee Development Specialist and supporting staff are needed to research and design programs to enhance training, increase competency, ensure all mandatory training is attended and prepare work force for career paths. Staff is needed to develop and implement the system to manage and monitor training for all employees. The addition of two Employee Development Specialists and consultant/trainers is required to implement this program.

TOTAL	\$3,275,000	\$	\$3,275,000	14.0
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Duron, Maria

From: Becky Dennison [BeckyD@cangress.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2007 2:39 PM
To: Duron, Maria
Subject: Support for expanding the Homeless Prevention Initiative

Date: May 9, 2007
To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
From: Los Angeles Community Action Network
Re: Expanding the funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative

On behalf of the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN), we are writing to urge you to expand the FY07-08 funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative [HPI] so that the current \$80 of "one time funding" becomes ongoing, annual funding. This is critical since the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has moved away from funding on-going supportive services and is focusing more on "bricks and mortar." This makes the HPI funding of supportive services linked to permanent housing even more critical for homeless agencies.

LA CAN is a grassroots organization comprised of homeless and other extremely low-income residents of the Skid Row community. The housing and homeless crisis in Los Angeles County continues to get worse, keeping people homeless for longer periods of time. Our members are in desperate need of permanent housing with linkages to supportive services and the County is a key source of funding to fill this gap in LA.

The same vision that was utilized to create the HPI must be again employed to continue to respond effectively to the regional crisis of homelessness. Not only do we need the economic commitment of at least \$100 million to be renewable annually, we need the funding to be released through prompt RFP processes so that results are felt on the streets.

We need your continued leadership in ending and preventing homelessness. For every individual and organization that submits verbal or written testimony such as this, there are thousands more who depend on your judgment and action. We trust that you will support us in this budget request and act accordingly. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

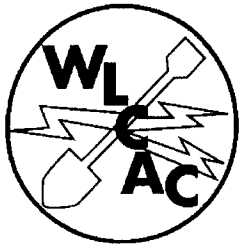
Becky Dennison and Pete White, Directors

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Executive Office

Via E-mail

Dear Supervisor Burke:

We are writing to urge your support to expand the FY 09-08 funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative (HPI). We implore you to conform the "one time only" appropriation to provide ongoing support for homeless services. Your support to extend, expand or broaden program support is made more critical by the federal funding cuts in program services previously funded through HUD programs. Supportive services for homeless impact and prevention programs are needed now more than ever.

As you know, WLCAC has a tradition of service to the homeless through access to supportive service programs. Our community has been particularly impacted by the downtown initiatives at a time when South LA had a disproportionate share of demand and need. We support the activities and activism of our community partners to extend the HPI. The same vision that was utilized to create the HPI must be again employed to continue to respond effectively to the regional crisis of homelessness. We need your continued leadership in ending and preventing homelessness. We would appreciate the opportunity to more specifically present our concerns in this regard, and thank you for your considerations of our concerns here.

Sincerely,

Vickie Donaldson, Director

Homeless Services

Cc: T. Watkins, CEO & President

P. Anderson, General Manager

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Montes, Angie

From: Duron, Maria
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2007 10:04 AM
To: Montes, Angie
Subject: FW: HPI Extension
Attachments: Vickie Donaldson (E-mail) (vdonaldson@wlcac.org) (vdonaldson@wlcac.org).vcf; Letter supporting HPI extension.doc

Hi Angie,

I did not want to open the attached because I did not know what it was but Will looked into it and said it was fine. Now that I opened it, I think this goes to you.

Thanks.

From: vickie donaldson [mailto:vdonaldson@wlcac.org]
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 1:41 PM
To: Duron, Maria
Cc: 'Bob Erlenbush'
Subject: HPI Extension

Peace,
Vickie

"If I could have convinced more slaves that they were slaves, I could have freed thousands more." - Harriet Tubman

5/17/2007

Montes, Angie

From: Duron, Maria
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 3:00 PM
To: Montes, Angie
Subject: RE: Board of Supervisors letter of Support

FYI.

From: leslic@socialmodel.com [mailto:leslic@socialmodel.com]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 2:34 PM
To: Duron, Maria
Cc: zcardenas@socialmodel.com; charlesp@socialmodel.com
Subject: Board of Supervisors letter of Support

Date: May 17, 2007

To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

From: United Coalition East Prevention Project

Re: Expanding the funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative

On behalf of United Coalition East Prevention Project (UCEPP)

I am writing to urge you to expand the FY 07-08 funding for the Homeless Prevention Initiative (HPI) so that the current 80 million dollars of "one time funding" becomes ongoing. Creating a steady source of HPI funding is critical as the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has moved away from funding on-going supportive services and is focusing more on bricks and mortar.

UCEPP is a program of Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc., and our mission is to engage the most vulnerable populations of the Central City East area of Los Angeles (also known as skid row) to challenge the systemic conditions and social disparities that threaten a healthy environment. Many of our coalition members are at risk of becoming homeless for want of supportive services and we routinely provide needed assistance in accessing available local services. Our challenge is in engaging community members in creating a healthier, safer environment when they are in the grips of imminent homelessness. Funding must be provided for ongoing supportive services so that community members can continue to move toward their goals of improving their lives and their neighborhoods. This can result in a safer community for everyone.

Thank You,

Leslie Croom

Community Organizer

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